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Hsin-Ching Shih et al.

DRY-WET-DRY SOLVENT-FREE PROCESS
AFTER STOP LAYER ETCH IN DUAL
DAMASCENE PROCESS.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Citation
In An Application.

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U.S. Patent 6,265,320 to Shi et al., "Method of Minimizing Reactive Ion Etch Damage of Organic Insulating Layers in Semiconductor Fabrication," discloses a H₂ plasma post treatment and low k process.

U.S. Patent 5,660,682 to Zhao et al., "Plasma Clean with Hydrogen Gas," discloses a H₂ plasma post clean.

U.S. Patent 6,204,192 to Zhao et al., "Plasma Cleaning Process for Openings Formed in at Least One Low Dielectric Constant Insulation Layer Over Copper Metallization in Integrated Circuit Structures," discloses a plasma clean process.

U.S. Patent 5,882,489 to Bersin et al., "Processes for Cleaning and Stripping Photoresist from Surfaces of Semiconductor Wafers," discloses a method for removing a resist layer, particularly in via holes.

U.S. Patent 5,567,271 to Chu et al., "Oxygen Reactive Ion Etch (RIE) Plasma Method for Removing Oxidized Organic Residues from Semiconductor Substrates," discusses oxygen Reactive Ion Etch (RIE) plasma methods for removing organic residues from semiconductor substrates.

U.S. Patent 6,248,665 to Bao et al., "Delamination Improvement Between Cu and Dielectrics for Damascene Process," discloses a method to improve surface adhesion between copper surfaces and the dielectric that is deposited over these copper surfaces.

U.S. Patent 6,037,664 to Zhao et al., "Dual Damascene Interconnect Structure Using Low Dielectric Constant Material for an Inter-Level Dielectric Layer," discloses a technique for fabricating a dual damascene interconnect structure using a low dielectric constant material as a dielectric layer or layers.

Sincerely,

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